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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE
INFO : PARIS
FROM : Ambassador RYNNER
DATE: Oct. 12, 1962
SUBJECT: Restrictions on shipping to Cuba
REF : Deptel 104
Paris for NSPC.

I brought up the question of restrictions on shipping to Cuba, in the course of a recent conversation with the Foreign Minister. He said that in the past Icelandic ships had occasionally made trips to Cuba to deliver Icelandic fish and to bring back sugar. He said that he did not believe such trips would be affected by our contemplated restrictions, but that he did not want to run the risk of any one taking action regarding Icelandic shipping. He had therefore advised all Icelandic shipowners that it would not be advisable for Icelandic ships to call at Cuban ports in the future. He explained that he had no legal authority to enforce this action, but he was reasonably confident that Icelandic shipowners would abide by it.

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Paris for USRO

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